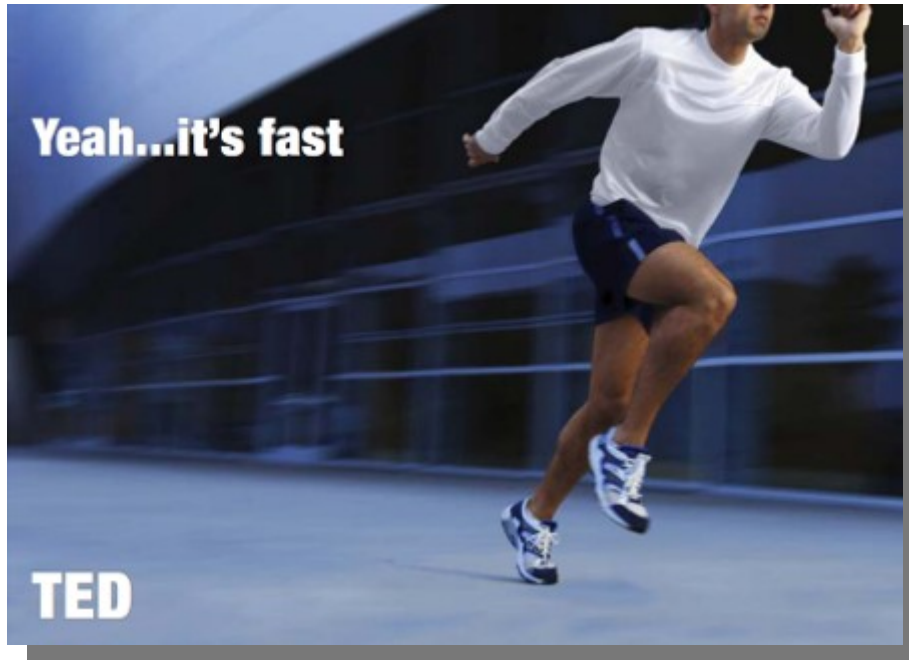




Resources Division

TRICARE Encounter Data (TED)

What It Is...



TED is the core collection point for Military Health System (MHS) purchased care claims. Health care providers submit claims to insurance carriers for payments of services rendered to TRICARE beneficiaries. The carriers then electronically transmit their claims payment information to TRICARE, using TED.

Key Features and Benefits

- Helps civilian providers get paid promptly for their services
- Gives civilian providers an incentive to participate in TRICARE; increased participation in TRICARE networks provides beneficiaries better access to health care
- Provides data for developing health care trends and budget projections
- Validates claim payments within 24 hours of submission, most payments made in less than 30 days
- Creates shorter billing cycles
- Prevents payment for duplicate, fraudulent or erroneous claims



Highlight

May 2010: The one billionth TED record was processed—a milestone event for the TRICARE Management Activity. TED is now one of the fastest claims processing systems in the world.

What People Are Saying...

“TED has helped TRICARE provide outstanding health care around the world. The efficiency and ingenuity has strengthened the TRICARE network.”

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-RADM Christine Hunter, former deputy director

“TED’s simple, innovative global interface allows purchased care records to be transferred seamlessly from civilian providers to TRICARE and back at remarkable speed and volume.”

-John Arendale, chief, and TRICARE Purchased Care Systems Integration